

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE GALATIANS **NO OTHER GOSPEL:**
FREEDOM IN CHRIST

LESSON 3: "The Goal of the Gospel" **Date:** Sept 7/Sept 21, 2014
TEXT: Galatians 1:13-24

INTRODUCTION

The message of Galatians can be summarized by this quotation, "Hallelujah! We are free to struggle; we're not struggling to be free. Your blood bought and makes us children. Children, drop your chains and sing." Freedom to _____ against sin and not be enslaved by it; freedom to _____ praise to a Rescuer and not experience eternal hopelessness—these are the goals of the gospel that further compel us to *make the gospel of grace our* _____.

In our passage today, we're going to get a feel for what compelled Paul to be so concerned with building and growing people. In part, it was due to his understanding of the goal of the gospel. The gospel isn't an esoteric theory or static message—it is "_____." And he knew exactly what that power could and ought to be doing in the lives of others, for he had experienced it himself. He wanted all Christians to know the fullness of the gospel's ability—he wanted them to know its goal! From his testimony, we discover that the Lord's gospel-work has two aims.

TO _____ YOU (vv. 13-23)

Paul's life is a stunning example of this first goal.

1. Past _____ (vv. 13-14)

Every believer has a past; every Christian has a "_____ life." Some of us have a similar testimony of _____ and morality. Others admit to _____ and wickedness. The common denominator in both experiences is the presence of destructive _____ and the absence of the freeing and transforming _____ of God (v. 15).

2. Personal _____ (vv. 15-16a)

Paul rejoices in four activities of God's gracious rescue.

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- a new Christ-centered _____ in life
- _____ in the face of violent opponents
- a reliance on and relationship with _____

Application:

TO _____ GOD (v. 24)

Whatever Paul accomplished and whoever Paul became—it was totally regardless of Paul and all because of God's _____.

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CONCLUSION

In this passage, a brother who experienced the power of the gospel in great ways in his own life exhorts us to make that message a priority in our own lives. When we do—when we turn the key in the ignition and fan the flame of God's grace in our own hearts—God's goals of transforming us and magnifying Himself will define our autobiography, too!

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